

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE
A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0063029-04-0

Permittee: Legacy Farms LLC, W8659 Woodyard Road, Shell Lake, WI, 54871

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Legacy Farms LLC, N. 1845 S. Heart Lake Road and W8659 Woodyard Road
Shell Lake

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Clam River and St. Croix River
Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : Legacy Farms is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) dairy farm in Washburn County, within the township of Barronett. The farm is owned and operated by Rodney, Brenda, Reuben, John, and Noah of the Schloneger Family. The farm currently operates two sites used to raise livestock. Sites include the Main Dairy Site and Calf Site. Combined, these sites house approximately 1,400 milking/dry cows, 500 heifers, and 400 calves (~2,465 animal units).

The Legacy Farms operation is made up of several freestall barns, milking parlor, feed storage bunker area, four liquid waste storage lagoons, calf barns, and one outdoor heifer lot. The four lagoons currently provide the farm with approximately 221 days of liquid waste storage.

Legacy Farms has a total of 1,841 acres of cropland in their nutrient management plan. Of those acres roughly 1,327 acres are owned, and 553 acres are controlled through land agreements. Legacy Farms is not proposing any expansions or major changes during the next five-year permit-term.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jeffrey Jackson, DNR, 890 Spruce St, Baldwin, WI, 54002,
(715) 210-1415, Jeffrey.Jackson@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational hearing may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is re-issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be re-issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days of the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (715) 210-1415 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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